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population as small as that possessed by each of the wards it was impossible to keep the organizations in a healthy condition, hence proper work could not be done. Elder Clawson also urged the members of the two wards to be guided in all things by the spirit of the Lord and seek to sustain whatever the authorities recommended to them.

Following Elder Clawson's opening remarks, President Smart said that the stake presidency had been concerned about the well being of the two wards in the stake. He said they had been impressed to merge the two wards, as this would result in great good.

President Smart said the stake presidency had counseled with the General Authorities on the matter and had received approval to merge the wards. He concluded by commending the bishops of the two wards for their faithfulness.

Elder Smith of the Council of the Twelve spoke next and said that the General Authorities and stake officials had only one purpose on the earth and that was to cultivate and build up the work of the Lord.

Under present conditions, he said, the amalgamation of the wards would give more strength to the organization and enable the people to accomplish a great deal more of the Lord's work. He further said that the stake and ward authorities are held responsible for the charge placed upon them and one's personal interest must be secondary in the work of the Lord.

Elder Smith reminded the saints that there would be opposition in this move, because opposing forces were always present. No movement can be started by the authorities of the Church, or even by the Lord Himself, without some resulting opposition, he continued. However, he urged the people to rely upon their chosen authorities and to try and find the good qualities in their brothers and sisters of the Gospel.

Following Elder Smith's remarks the merger was put to a vote and it was unanimously decided to join the Buysville and Daniel wards. Bishop Charles J. Wahlquist and his counselors, William Thacker and Charles P. Carlen and clerk John H. Carlen of Buysville Ward were released with a vote of thanks for their faithful labors, as were Bishop McGuire, his counselors, George A. Clift and William S. Bethers, and clerk Mark Orgill.

Bishop McGuire was then sustained as bishop of the new combined ward with William C. Bell as his first counselor and Joseph C. McDonald as second counselor. Selection of a name for the ward was left until a later meeting.

After the members of the new bishopric had expressed their willingness to accept the positions to which they had been called, Elder Clawson set apart Bishop McGuire. Elder Bell was then set apart and Elder McDonald was ordained a high priest and set apart as the second counselor.